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Tribes harness wind energy

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

As the Oklahoma winds blow across the prairie, a semi truck from West Wind Energy rolls down Highway 81 loaded with the first M100 turbine blades for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

"We believe the wind is sacred," Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Gov. Janice Boswell said. "We are keepers of this earth, so bringing the power of wind to our people is key to our survival and a part of honoring divine instructions."

The tribes have partnered with West Wind Energy to install wind turbines that will directly power electricity to tribal facilities. Over the next 40 years, the wind turbines will translate into an estimated $9.2 million dollar savings. This project will also provide training and create skilled labor jobs and a successful business for the tribes due to the projected demand in renewable energy.

West Wind Energy founder and CEO, Dr. Scott Brantley, said the wind project would consist of various phases. Phase one will consist of two M100 wind turbines, one located next to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' smoke shop in Concho, Okla. and the other located at the tribal administration complex. Phase two will include twenty M100 turbines acting as a primary power wind farm on the ridgeline west of the casino.

"Not only does this project offset the tribes current electrical cost of more than $200,000. a month, but it does so while getting kids into wind school and technical training for long-term and well-paying technical jobs ... not only for the tribes' wind project, but tribal members being able to service turbines all over the state of Oklahoma," A.J. McCann, West Wind Energy, chief financial officer (CFO) said.

Oklahoma currently ranks 11th in the nation in wind installations and employs more than 3,000 people. Studies show that Oklahoma has enough wind resources to provide more than 30 times Oklahoma's current electricity needs.

McCann said the financing angle is interesting due to how the project offsets electric expenses of the tribe and turns a $7 million investment into an almost $12 million asset in less than a year.

"The tribes were smart in how they did their planning," McCann said.

McCann said with the help of Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO)

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Pictured l-r: Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Gov. Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell, West Wind Energy Founder and CEO, Dr. Scott Brantley, Cheyenne and Arapaho Director of Economic Development, Chester Whiteman, West Wind Energy Owner and Distributor, Phil Sutter and West Wind Energy, CFO, AJ McCann.

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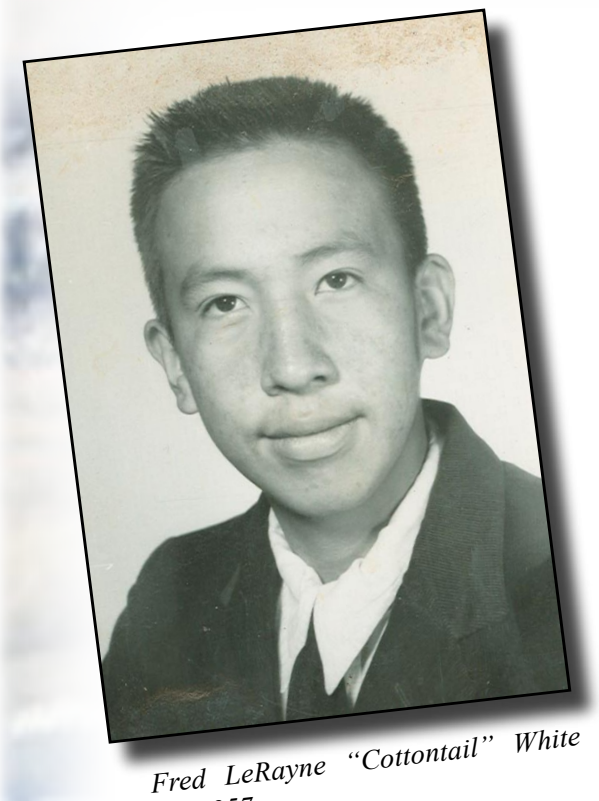
Life's Journeys

Each day better than the last

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Fred LeRayne "Cottontail" White tail in 1957.

"Each day that I wake up I know it will be better than the day before."

Fred LeRayne Whitetail, aka Cottontail, knows about living life to the fullest one day at a time.

Whitetail was born Oct. 11, 1941 at Clinton Indian Hospital in Clinton, Okla. to Nellie Drunkard and Charles Whitetail. He grew up along Turtle Creek with six siblings, William Arnold, Alice, Marvin Charles, Annette and twins, Martha Jean and Martin Dean.

"My dad used to hunt squirrels, raccoons, rabbits and fished ... we grew up on jack rabbits, cottontails ... that was our meat," Whitetail said. "He was an excellent shot. He would wait to shoot when they were running and he never shot more than what we could eat."

Whitetail said his mother stayed at home and would sew and they would all work the garden. He said their part of the chores was keeping the weeds out of the garden.

"I remember thinking, God do we have to do this," Whitetail said laughingly.

When Whitetail was about a year old he broke his leg in two places from falling out of his stroller. His parents took him to Clinton Indian Hospital when gangrene set in and the doctors told them they would have to take his leg.

"My father just told them no ... I will take him to my father, who was a medicine man," Whitetail said. "My grandfather did the Indian medicine and healed my leg ... that Indian medicine lasted until 1998, but then the gangrene set back in and they (the doctors) took the bottom part of my leg."

Whitetail said his father was a boxer and started to train him when he was 6 years old.

"My dad was the 1947 Light Feather Weight runner-up in the Golden Gloves match. In 1948 and 49 he was Heavy Weight champion of Oklahoma and I remember watching him in the ring when I was little. He fought twice in Madison Square Gardens in New York," Whitetail said. "He was training me to be a fighter and when he was training me I had no losses, but then I thought I knew it all and started training myself and had nine straight losses."

He said one day his mother and him were sitting on the front porch and saw a jackrabbit across the field.

"My mother got my dad's 22 and she started trying to shoot that jack rabbit and used a whole box of shells ... and when she used all his shells up I said hey mom that jack rabbit grabbed his heart and fell over from a heart attack," Whitetail said humorously.

Whitetail said he began school at the Arapaho School where he flunked the first grade.

"There was a group of five of us that our teacher, Mrs. Bell, didn't like for some reason … she would make us stay in the coat room all day and at the end of the year she flunked all five of us, but we went back the next year and passed," Whitetail said.

He said his family would move back and forth from Thomas to Clinton, depending on where his dad could get work picking sweet potatoes and other seasonal jobs.

"I went to the third grade in Thomas and that teacher hated Indians. She was always grabbing us and whipped our hands with rulers. I remember Mrs. Herring whipped one Indian girl so bad she wet herself," Whitetail said quietly.

Whitetail said he had more bad experiences in the fifth grade from his teacher Mrs. Frank Robinson.

"That teacher would keep me after school and I would miss my bus and have to walk home. She left welts on me from her whippings and my parents finally believed me and took me out of that school and we moved to Clinton," Whitetail said. "I started Wilson Junior High and I loved that school, especially the class drafting one and drafting two. I loved school then and I was really smart, straight A student

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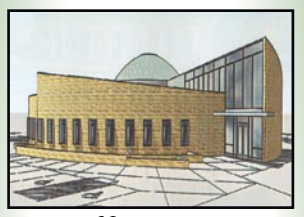

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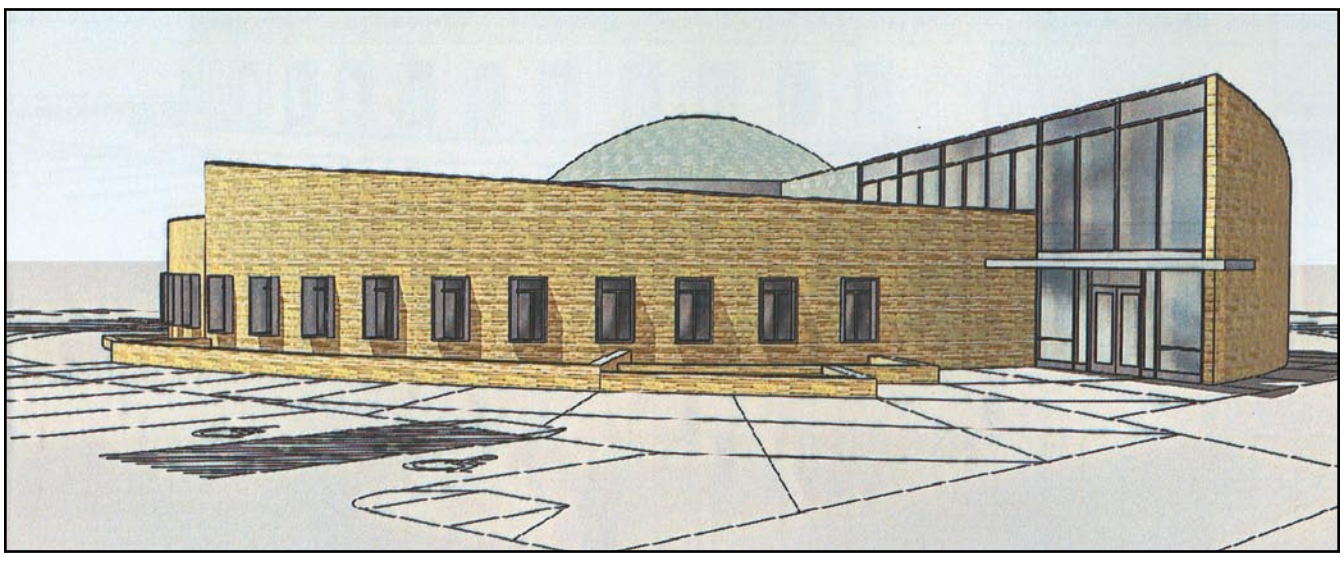


Nationally known Treanor Architects presents designs for the proposed new Cheyenne and Arapaho Justice Center.

New justice center, planning for the future

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Rowena Yeahquo discusses the planning stages of the new proposed justice center to tribal members, employees and tribal Chiefs.

Architectural designs for a new tribal justice center are a dome shape structure to reflect the cultural sweat lodge.

On April 13, 2011 at the Native American Church in Concho, Okla., a community meeting was held to gather input from tribal members, tribal employees and Cheyenne and Arapaho Chiefs.

Plans for the new justice center were presented with architectural drawings provided by Treanor Architects. The drawings are the first designs for the courthouse complex.

"I will give you a milestone update … in February 2010 we contracted with CFW planning services to do a needs assessment," Rowena Yeahquo, CFP grant coordinator said.

Yeahquo said based on the needs assessment, the tribes do not have enough jail able offenses through the tribal court to justify a correctional facility.

"What we need and I believe everyone in here can agree is a new court house," Yeahquo said. "In the process of the needs assessment we saw that a lot of the tribal programs need to be involved with the judicial system to help the tribal members."

In April 2010 an advisory board was established from different Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal programs. The members are Paul Fuentes, judicial probation officer, Dale Hamilton, culture and heritage Cheyenne director, Mary Davenport, social services executive director, Wanda Whiteman, department of education coordinator, Mark Cody, Bureau of Indian Affairs officer, Charlie Morris, attorney general and Kim Richey, also with the attorney general's office.

"We have had several meetings and we have had alot of input on the justice center," Yeahquo said.

Jay Zimmerschied, Treanor Architects, engineer presented the computer-animated designs on a large screen and explained each phase of structure for the new justice center.

"We are looking at accomplishing this project in phases … the first being the court house and the judiciary, getting the group that is currently in the existing building out of the structure and into a more suitable facility for court," Zimmerschied said.

Zimmerscheid said that in addition to the courts, the building would house court related services. He said the second phase would be to build a building for court services, which will house Cheyenne and Arapaho programs such as Indian Child Welfare, Domestic Violence and other social services.

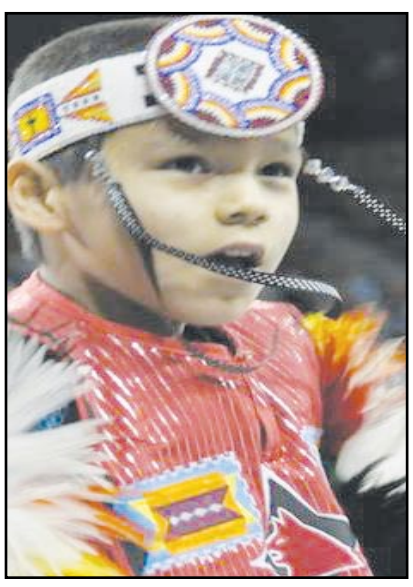
"The third phase is an anticipated law enforcement building that will have a holding cell for female and male detainees, a juvenile holding area and be equipped for handling any and all law enforcement issues the tribes may have," Zimmerscheid said.

Yeahquo said the estimated cost for phase one is $2 million. Phase two's estimated cost is $700,000 and the final phase estimated cost is estimated at $500,000.

"We are working on federal grants to get the funding that we need … however the federal funding cap for justice centers is $1 million," Yeahquo said. "We are hoping for help from the tribes with the remaining funds so we may provide the services needed for tribal members and programs ... the new facility is a great need."

Recognizing Cheyenne and Arapaho youth at Denver March powwow

Submitted article



Kyce Hamilton-Iron, 9 years old, was recently honored at the 37th annual Denver March powwow in the Iron Boy Jr. Boys Endurance Fancy Dance special.

Kyce is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma and is also Pawnee, Crow and Oglala Lakota.

Kyce is the son of Karla and Mark Quintana and son of Lee Hamilton. His maternal grandparents are Bob and Jan Iron of Ft. Collins, Colo. His paternal grandparents are Garfield Hamilton of Wichita, Kansas and Josephine Whiteskunk of Weatherford, Okla. Kyce has one brother, Kayne Quintana, of Phoenix, Ariz. and three sisters, Jayla, Amaya and Mariah.

Kyce's life started out a little challenging. When Kyce was two months old, he became very ill and was transported from Ft. Collins by ambulance to the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo. Tests indicated there was a mass in his abdomen, which the doctors believed was a form of cancer called Neuroblastoma. Surgery to remove the mass was planned but they said Kyce would have only a 10 percent chance of survival. His doctors decided to wait on the surgery for three months to see if the mass would decrease in size. After a ceremony and prayers, when Kyce was tested three months later, the mass had completely disappeared and Kyce's health was good thereafter.

Last year the Iron family decided to celebrate Kyce's life and all that he has been blessed with. That is why he was honored with the Iron Boy special. Kyce is very active in sports. He loves to play football, basketball and soccer. He has also wrestled for the Ft. Collins wrestling team. He was brought into the arena when he was 3 years old by Doug Goodfeather. Kyce loves dancing in the Junior boys fancy dance category and travels to various powwows throughout the summer with his family. Kyce placed second in the Junior boys fancy dance category this year at the Denver March powwow. Kyce also sings at the drum with his grandpa Bob, step-dad Mark and uncles Zach and Dwayne. Kyce enjoys learning about different songs and all the teaching involved with singing at the drum from his grandpa Bob.

The Iron family is very proud of Kyce and all he has accomplished already in his young life. Kyce will be attending the OU football camp this summer and will get to practice with the football coaching staff. He is very excited about this wonderful opportunity.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to all the friends and family that contributed to Kyce's Iron Boy Jr. Boys Fancy Dance special. They are the Jason Goodblanket family, Karen Yeahquo, Iris Rouillard, Tommy Wadena, Nikki Phillips, Carlos Whitetail-Mendivil and Arrow Garnier. The monetary donations for the contestants and drums as well as the contributions to helping out with Kyce's outfit and beadwork are greatly appreciated.

Winners for the Iron Boy special were first place, Sonny Littlehead, Lawrence, Kansas, second place, Riley Spoonhunter, Tucson, Ariz., third place, Flaire Popetsaike, Crow Agency, MT and fourth place, Stormee Kipp, Ft. Hall, Idaho.

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Couple celebrates 74 year wedding anniversary

Submitted article

On May 1, 2011 Randlett and Geneva Edmonds will celebrate their 74 year wedding anniversary. They have made a life for themselves and a legacy that will be hard to follow.

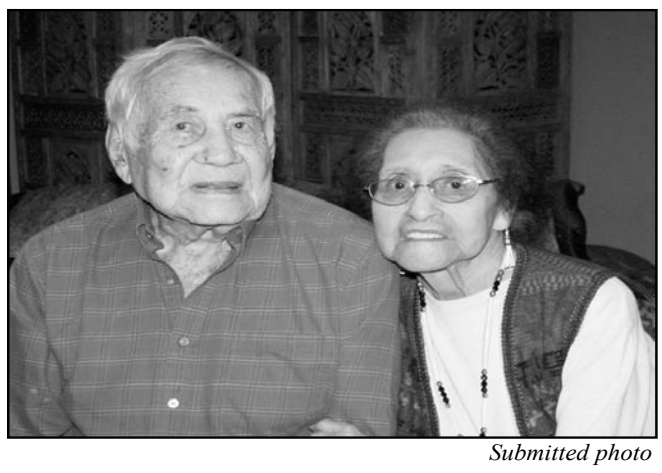
They were just 22 and 18 years of age when they said their I dos and one may wonder what sort of dreams and aspirations they had at the time.

The year they were married, 1937, America was still experiencing the effects of the Great Depression and the unemployment rate had fallen to 14.3 percent from the previous year. The cost of a gallon of gas that year was 20 cents, a loaf of bread was 9 cents and a postage stamp was 3 cents. That was also the year that Amelia Earhart mysteriously disappeared and the same year that the Golden Gate Bridge of San Francisco opened. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the U.S. President and Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin were in power.

Some notable celebrities born that year were Anthony Hopkins, Bill Cosby, Jane Fonda, Morgan Freeman, Dustin Hoffman and Jack Nicholson, to name a few.

Randlett, a member of the Caddo tribe of Oklahoma, is one of the few speakers left who knows the Caddo language. He knows hundreds of Caddo songs and in an effort to preserve the language, he has recorded the language with the help of the Kiwat Hasinay Foundation. The recordings can be purchased through the Caddo Nation Museum in Binger, Okla.

Geneva, a member of the Wichita and Affiliated tribes of Oklahoma, is the eldest of the tribe and was honored a few years ago at their annual Wichita Dance that occurs in August each year.



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Randlett and Geneva Edmonds

These two have a great sense of pride in their Native American heritage. They regularly attend Caddo dances and the occasional powwows and Randlett still sings at the drum from time to time. Randlett and Geneva are the proud parents of four children, Randlett Edmonds Jr. of San Diego, Calif., Margie Deer, Donna Williams and Michael Edmonds, all of Oklahoma City. They have 22 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

Randlett was the eldest of 12 siblings and Geneva had three siblings of her own. Needless to say, they have been blessed with a very large extended family as well.

During the course of their lives, Randlett and Geneva have endured many hardships and have enjoyed many celebrations. They have had to battle health issues such as cancer, heart disease, organ failure, diabetes and strokes, just to name a few, but even with the ups and downs of life they have been able to maintain a close and loving relationship. They have a genuine friendship with each other and exhibit a genuine love for each other every single day. It is their love for each other and their love of life that has kept them young in spirit and those blessed to know them have been deeply enriched by their presence in their lives.

On May 14, 2011, the family of Randlett and Geneva will be hosting a gathering at the Wichita Housing Authority's Iscani Community Gym in Anadarko, Okla. to honor their their life, their love and would be both blessed and honored if their friends and family would join them in this celebration. The Iscani gym is located behind the Wal-Mart on Petree Rd. The gathering will be held from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Randlett and Geneva love to visit with friends and family and because it is such a blessing to hear their stories as well as stories about them. We are also calling on all talent to help make this event one to remember. If you have a talent that you would like to showcase or perhaps a funny story or fond memory about this couple you would like to share, please contact Genny Deer at (405) 208-9870 or by email at genny.deer@gmail.com.

Upcoming FEMA trailer lottery to be held in Clinton

Submitted article

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority has acquired four FEMA trailers, which will be sold for $3,500 each. Each trailer is 64' x 14', 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. Details are as follows.

The $3,500 must be paid to the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority within 24 hours of the drawing (absolutely no exceptions). Payment must be in the form of a cashier's check or a money order.

The trailer must be moved from its present location site within ten days of the drawing (absolutely no exceptions).

Trailers will be sold "as is". The Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority will not be held responsible for the condition of the home at the time of sale or at any time in the future.

All expenses for moving, setting up, tie down, skirting, utilities, etc. will be the sole responsibility of the winners. The Housing Authority will offer no financial assistance for these trailers.

Each winner will be required to sign an "Acknowledgement and Acceptance Agreement" stating the terms of this sale and disclaimers.

Only Cheyenne-Arapaho tribal members 18 years of age and older will be allowed to enter the drawing. You must show tribal ID in order to receive an entry form. Everyone must pick up their own entry form., You will not be allowed to pickup an entry form for someone else.

Only one entry per person.

The drawing will be held at 7 p.m. on June 14, 2011 at the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority located at 2100 Dog Patch Road in Clinton, Okla.

Entry forms will be available at the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority beginning May 5, 2011.

It is the winner's responsibility to ensure the location where the trailer will be placed meets all city, town or government regulations and/or restrictions. Please check with your local city hall or local government office to inquire about their regulations and/or restrictions. This should be done prior to the drawing on June 14, 2011.

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority's Executive Director and/or Board of Commissioners reserve the right to amend the above information and /or rules in order to provide fair, unbiased and reasonable terms of sale and disclaimers.

Native Business, the 3 Ps of business

By Jim Stanley, Contributing writer

A business can be broken up into three components, people, products and profits. You can say people, products and profits are the legs of a business.

Each component must stand on its own and the right combination of each can create synergy to improve the businesses ability to thrive.

Synergy means that the combination of the three Ps creates value greater than the sum of each part. The right blend of people and products provide a competitive advantage to which a company can out maneuver its competitors and find customers.

Customers are paramount to a business. The greater the number of customers and amount they are willing to spend the more potential for profit.

Profit is the net dollars left over after expenses are subtracted from revenue. All companies must make a profit or they will die.

People are the most important component of a business. It takes people to run a business and deliver a product or service. People coordinate to create strategy, implement and execute tasks and measure performance. Employees and owners have a greater likelihood of success if they believe there is purpose behind their work and understand where they fit in the organization. Good leadership understands that success is driven by a company's people.

Leaders help the organization embrace the company culture so they can execute strategy and work towards a common goal. An entire company aligned in one direction can do great things.

In addition to experience and education, companies look for people with good communication skills and a strong work ethic. The best companies consistently develop, retain and attract talent.

A company's product is the good or service or the combination thereof that fulfills a want or need of a buyer. In the open marketplace companies specialize to offer a product that can be delivered efficiently and competitively for a profit. Smart companies or individuals that want to start a business look for competitively advantaged products.

A few of these advantages can be knowledge and experience, location, rights to resources or who you know. A good way to find a niche is to take a look

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Tribal Tidbits

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During Easter weekend a light red buffalo calf was born on the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal land in Hammon, Okla.

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On April 14, 2011 Canton head start children enjoy a sunny afternoon, while celebrating the day of the child. A jupiter jump, along with a large inflated slide was set up for all the students to play on.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Right- Donna Pewo presents Anthony Birdshead Sr., HVAC supervisor accepts certificate of appreciation.

Left-Paula Levi, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' economic development office manager, accountant accepts a certificate of appreciation.

Right-Evan Ortiz, roofer accepts his certificate from Donna Pewo.

On April 13, 2011 the El Reno Indian United Methodist Church hosted a luncheon to give thanks to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' economic development HVAC, roofing and lawn crews for their services to the church.

The crews replaced the church's roof, installed a new heating unit and helped mow and maintain the grounds.

Donna Pewo, missioner, presented certificates of appreciation to all the crew staff.

Boomer the Buffalo, known for enjoying his favorite treat Cheetos, was relocated on April 26, 2011 on the Concho plains. He is now roaming behind the Native American Church building in a 300' x 300' area that was built especially for him.

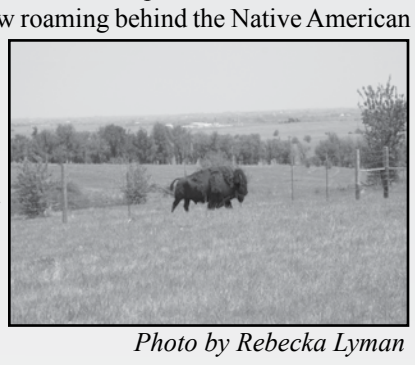

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

"He needs a private place of his own due to his age," Forest Fire, Farm and Ranch manager said.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

The Concho Child Development Center, Concho, Okla. (CCDC) had a day of Easter fun. The children and parents gathered together for an afternoon snack and an Easter egg hunt.

Robinson, first Native American drafted in WNBA league

By Aaron DeWall, University of Nevada Reno

NEW YORK – University of Nevada women's basketball senior Tahnee Robinson has become the school's first-ever player drafted by the Women's National Basketball Association. Robinson was selected as the 31st overall pick in the draft by the Phoenix Mercury, but has been immediately traded to the Connecticut Sun.

The Sun also selected Sydney Colson of Texas A&M in the second round and Adrienne Johnson of Louisiana Tech in the third round.

Transferring from Sheridan College in 2009, Robinson will easily be considered one of the best women's players ever at Nevada. After being named the Western Athletic Conference's Newcomer of the year and first-team All-WAC last year, she had a breakout season as the Wolf Pack's co-captain in 2010-11.

She spent the entire season in the top 15 in the nation for scoring, ending the year as the ninth-best with 22.1 ppg. She picked up her second All-WAC first-team nod and was named to the WAC All-Tournament Team.

In addition, she was named one of five finalists for the Sullivan Award, given annually to the nation's top amateur athlete. Robinson was also named a WBCA All-Region honoree and WAC Verizon Wireless Player of the Week three times over the season.

Robinson becomes the first full-blooded Native American player drafted in the league. She is descended from several tribes with her mother being Pawnee and Eastern Shoshone and her father is Northern Cheyenne and Sioux. Her family still lives on the Wind River Reservation in Fort Washakie, Wyo., the same reservation where she grew up.

The Sun were 17-17 last season finishing fifth in the Eastern Conference. Connecticut boasts the 2010 WNBA Rookie of the Year Tina Charles and also returns last year's seventh overall pick Danielle McCray who had to sit out last season due to an ACL injury.

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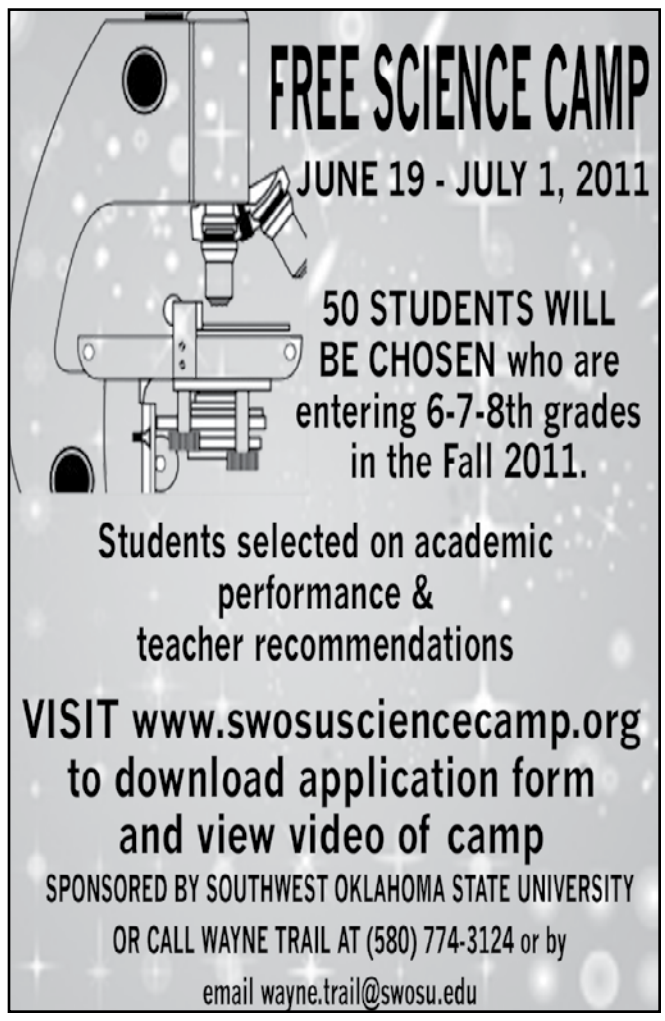
around and ask "Is there a problem where I can provide a solution in exchange for money?" or "Do I have access to something somebody wants or needs? How do I get it to them?"

Sometimes it means you do something better than anyone else. Other times you offer a combination of products or services that fit a need that nobody is supplying.

Profit is the lifeblood of a company. Simply stated, generating a profit means that there is more money coming in the door than going out through business operations. A company makes money by offering a good or service that buyers choose to buy at a mark-up that exceeds the cost to deliver such a product.

Generally speaking, companies that do well are those that charge a reasonable price and control costs. Costs are improved (lowered) by finding ways to increase efficiencies, measure return on spending and having clarity of where monies are allocated. Profits are good because they can be reinvested into the company, distributed to owners or shareholders, or held as cash. Profit is essential for the long term survival of a company.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Eating well for Diabetes

By Lyndsay Seawright, MA, RD/LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

The Importance of Water

From a nutritional standpoint, water is fundamental. It is one of the most vital nutrients in the diet and allows for countless bodily functions to run smoothly. Additionally, water helps normalize body temperature and remove unnecessary wastes.

In order to keep your body healthy it is extremely important to drink plenty of water. It flushes toxins and other wastes from the body to help keep you from getting sick. In the event that you are currently suffering from an illness, water is essential in healing the body as fever, vomiting and diarrhea may lead to dehydration.

When the temperatures outside begin to rise it becomes even more important to drink enough water to stay hydrated so the body can cool itself more easily. Along the same line, water should be a primary part of any exercise regimen or during any form of strenuous activity. It is often recommended to consume approximately 4-8 ounces of water every 15 minutes during exercise.

A number of people have questioned if all liquids are created equally when it comes to hydration, and the answer is no. Carbonated sodas, juice drinks and other beverages contain sugar or other substances that hinder their ability to efficiently hydrate the body. While it is true that milk and 100% juice do have high water content, water is still the best choice when it comes to hydration.

Many people wonder how to know if they are adequately hydrated, and the answer is quite simple, if your urine is lightly colored or clear, chances are you are properly hydrated. If urine has a cloudy or bright yellow color, you are in need of more water. Drinking water throughout the day will help to ensure that you are always adequately hydrated. Many dietitians recommend drinking half of your body weight in ounces of water daily: for example, if you weigh 150 pounds, divide it by two to get 75, you should aim to drink 75 ounces of water each day to stay hydrated.

Finally, water is crucial for healthy skin, hair and organs. It can help you feel full during the day and helps regulate the digestive system. Lastly, water can aide in satiety if you are dieting and contains no calories, so is great for promoting weight loss.

For any questions or concerns regarding nutrition, weight management or diabetes please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

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Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Head Start Program

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Program Concho Center is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Head Start Program is a comprehensive Child Development Program that is designed to promote high quality services and provide a range of individualized services in the area of Education, Early Childhood, Medical, Dental, Mental Health, Nutrition and Parent Involvement. Head Start Services are responsive and appropriate to each child and family's development, Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic experience.

Eligibility Requirements:
3 years old to 5 years old – must be 3 years old by September 1, and turn 5 years old after September 1.

For Application to be processed, the following must be attached:

a) Copy of Child's Birth Certificate
b) Copy of Child's Immunization Record
c) Copy of Child's Social Security Card
d) Copy of Child's Health Insurance card
e) Income Verification
f) If the Child has Special Needs. Documentation Attached.
g) CDIB (If Applicable)

Head Start provides transportation to and from the Head Start Center in a 25 mile radius in service area. Includes Concho, El Reno, Kingfisher, Okarche, Geary and Calumet.

Certified Staff, Age Appropriate Curriculum, Certified CDL Bus Drivers, Nutritious Meals-Breakfast and Lunch, Cultural Activities and Field Trips.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Program follows Federal Guidelines and local Department of Human Services requirements. The Head Start Program does not discriminate against: Race, Color, Sex, National Origin or Disabilities.

For enrollment packet or more information call Leanna Balbuena, Center Supervisor or Rachel Morales, Family Services Coordinator at (405) 422-7647 or (405) 422-7645.

Yellow Eagle, head lady dancer at eighth annual powwow

Submitted article

Sarah Hazhonie Yellow Eagle is honored to be Head Lady dancer for the Bixby High School Indian Heritage Club, eighth annual powwow on May 14, 2011 in Bixby Okla.

Yellow Eagle, 16 years old, is a member of the Cheyenne Arapaho tribes. She is the daughter of Steve and Angela Hamilton and Christopher Yellow Eagle. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Rufus and Sarah Yellow Eagle.

She is a junior at Union High School in Tulsa, Okla. While attending school and working, she maintains a GPA of 3.6 and has plans to attend college after graduating to further her education. Sarah also enjoys extracurricular activities such as pom, basketball, volleyball and shopping with friends. Sarah has been dancing at powwows since she was able to walk. She dances Fancy Shawl, Jingle Dress and Women's Cloth. When 5 years old she became a member of the All Nations Indian youth group a 25 year old organization, sponsored by Alice Whitecloud, also a Cheyenne tribal member. The group travels across the nation to give presentations while educating various communities.

Yellow Eagle is described as a very sweet and intelligent girl who is always willing to lend a hand and bring a smile to anyone who meets her. She has a special interest in helping and teaching young children and has volunteered her time with Tulsa Family and Children Services and Tulsa Public Schools to care for children.

"I'm very honored and excited that Bixy High School Indian Heritage Club has asked me to be their head lady dancer," Yellow Eagle said.

Other Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members participating include Richard Deer, serving as head singer and the All Nations drum group from Clinton, Okla., serving as host Northern Drum.

The public is invited free of charge. Arts and crafts are welcome.

Submitted photo

Sara Hazhonie Yellow Eagle

Cheyenne tribal member places at annual Denver March powwow

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Jayla Keyonne Hamilton-Iron

Jayla Keyonne Hamilton-Iron, 11-year-old Cheyenne tribal member, recently danced and competed at the 37th annual Denver March powwow and placed fifth in the Junior Girls' Traditional dance competition. Jayla's past accomplishments include serving as the 2009-2010 Northern Colorado Intertribal powwow Association Princess at their 17th annual Spring powwow in Loveland, Colo.

Jayla is the daughter of Karla Iron and Mark Quintana of Weatherford, Okla. and Garfield L. Hamilton also of Weatherford. Jayla's maternal grandparents are Bob and Jan Iron of Ft. Collins, Colo. and her paternal grandparents are Josephine Whiteskunk and Garfield Hamilton.

Jayla is Southern Cheyenne, Pawnee (Kitkahaki Band), Crow (Ties the Bundle) and Oglala Lakota.

She is enrolled in the 5th grade in Ft. Collins where she excels in school. Jayla enjoys reading, spelling, book projects and art. She also loves spending time with her family, traveling to powwows, dancing, making greeting cards for her family and writing poetry. She says she will enjoy the summer attending powwows with her maternal grandparents, auntie and uncle.

Her family would like to say congratulations.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority offers free house payment

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority is offering a free house payment (one month only) to all homebuyers within the CAHA's Homebuyer Housing Program. Here's how you can receive your free house payment:

The home must be in our Mutual Help Homebuyer Program.

The head of household must have their annual home inspection completed, paperwork signed and in our office by Oct. 31, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

The head of household must call the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority's Resident Service Coordinator, Ruth Bearshield, at (580) 331-2405 to set their inspection date and time. You may also call Marvin Thunderbull, Collections Counselor, at (580) 331-2414.

Once the date and time has been set for the annual home inspection it may only be cancelled or re-scheduled one time in order to receive the free house payment.

This offer is only for those homebuyers that have been in their homes for over one year and is only valid until Oct. 31, 2011 by 4:30 p.m.

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority's executive director and/or board of commissioners reserve the right to amend the above information and/or rules in order to provide fair, unbiased and reasonable terms.

CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO HOUSING AUTHORITY SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Tuesday, May 10, 2011, the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority operating hours will be 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.

TRIBAL TRIBUNE

DEADLINES

At 5 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.

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Bixby High School
Indian Heritage Club
8th Annual Powwow
May 14, 2011
Bixby High School Gym
601 S. Riverview
Gourd Dance 2:30 p.m.-Supper 5 p.m.-Grand entry 6:30 p.m.
Head Staff:
MC-Isaac Paul Rhoads
HS-Richard Deer
HMD-Dace Tiger
HLD-Sarah Yellow Eagle
AD-Mike Brock
Host Northern Drum-All Nations
Honor Guard-Bixby H.S. MJROTC
For more information call Tina Francis
at (918) 366-2335, (918) 557-3478
or (918) 760-3039

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Graduation Ceremony

Registration begins at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. All college and high school graduates are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Wanda Whiteman at (405) 422-7560.

Moody Blues Concert

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. General admission $40, VIP $90. For more information or to order tickets visit www.ticketstorm.com or call (866) 966-1777.

Putnam City Indian Education annual Youth powwow

May 6, 2011 at the old gym at Putnam City High School, 5300 N.W. 50th St. in Oklahoma City. Gourd dance at 6:30 p.m. Grand entry at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (405) 495-0168.

Haskell Commencement powwow

May 6-7, 2011 at the Haskell Indian Nations University, 155 Indian Ave. in Lawrence Kansas. For more information call (785) 749-8404 or visit www.haskell.edu.

The 15th annual Clinton Service Unit Youth powwow

May 7, 2011 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. Goud dancing begins at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m. For more information contact Charlene Wassana at (580) 331-3300.

Special Tribal Council Meeting

Saturday, 10 a.m., May 7, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information call Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin at (405) 422-7497.

Comanche Little Ponies 43rd annual powwow

May 7, 2011 at the Comanch Nation Complex in Lawton, Okla. For more information call Lowell Nibbs at (580) 583-5279 or by email at lowellnibbs@yahoo.com.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Mother's Day Bingo and Lunch

Sunday, May 8, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. and the Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym in Clinton, Okla. Activities start at 12 noon. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 32601.

Mother's Day Dance-Ft. Marion and Sand Creek Descendants

Sunday, May 8, 2011 at the Geary Tri-County Building in Geary, Okla. Dinner at 1 p.m., dance to follow.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Clinton Head Start Graduation

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at the McClain Park Amphitheatre in Clinton, Okla. For more information call (580) 323-1748.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Concho Head Start Graduation

6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information call (405) 422-7647.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Canton Head Start Graduation

3 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2011 at the Old Longdale Gym in Longdale, Okla. For more information call (580) 886-2817.

Rolling Thunder Flame of Freedom and P.O.W./MIA Program hosted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Starting at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. All day events include missing man ceremony, dog tag ceremony, candle lighting ceremony and more. For more information contact Francine Worthington at (405) 422-7492.

Bixby High School's eighth annual Indian Heritage Club powwow

May 14, 2011 at the Bixby High School gym, 601 S. Riverview Dr., Bixby, Okla. Gourd dancing at 2:30 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Grand entry at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Tina Francis at (918) 366-2335, (918) 557-3478 or (918) 760-3039.

Graduation Dance for Sheby Lynn White Thunder

May 15, 2011 at Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Dance starts at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. For more information contact Tommy White Thunder at (405) 329-4051 or by email, whitethundershelsie@yahoo.com.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Elders Day Out

May 18, 2011 at the Oklahoma City Zoo in Oklahoma City. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

Ronin Burton Hawk's 1st Birthday Dance

May 21, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3:30 p.m. Supper at 5:30 p.m. Special guests Melvin and Karen Miles.

Redmoon powwow and activities

May 28-30, 2011 at the Redmoon powwow grounds. Horseshow tournament, youth coed basketball tournament, volleyball tournament, homerun derby. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (580) 331-2601.

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… I loved science. One of my projects was I made a wireless radio … no batteries no plugs … that's how smart I was."

He said he really loved dinnertime, "I was always first in line and last one to leave."

He said he wanted to enroll in biology in his sophomore year but wasn't allowed.

"I used to dissect snapping turtles and you know their heart would beat 12 hours after being removed and they could still walk around with no head and stuff … I wanted to know how they could do that … I really wanted to know all about biology and that kind of stuff but I wasn't allowed to take biology so I just kind of lost interest in school after that," Whitetail said.

He said playing football is what saved him from leaving school.

"I just sort of drifted through school after that … I could make A's without even studying, but instead I would just pass with a 70 or something, just enough to pass because I had that I don't care attitude after they didn't let me take biology," Whitetail said.

It was about this time he got his nickname Cottontail.

"I always hung out with the older boys and we would go down to the bakery and get the day old bread and sell it for money … but one night we got caught and the night watchman took off after us and pulled a gun," Whitetail said. "Well I was the last one to know what was happening, those other guys had already taken off running and then here I come running right past them and I started to zigzag back and forth so if that watchmen shot he couldn't hit me … and I heard them boys yelling and laughing saying look at ole' Fred running like a Cottontail."

Whitetail graduated Thomas High School in 1960 with a football scholarship to Cameron Junior College as a kicker.

"They were going to pay for tuition and books, but I had to pay for my room and board so my parents and I went to the tribes' education department and spoke with Dr. Charles Penoit, who was in charge at that time, but he took a look at my transcripts and just looked at me and said you'll never make it, you're just another Indian and turned down our request," Whitetail said.

He said he still wanted to go to school and ended up at Okmulgee Tech where he learned auto mechanics.

"We went back to the education department because I still wanted to go to school and Dr. Penoit sent me to, what I thought was an art school, Santa Fe Art Institute in New Mexico, but it turned out to be more like a prison than a school," Whitetail said. "I stayed three months and I high tailed it out of there."

At the age of 20 Whitetail experienced the loss of his father in a fatal car accident. He said it was shortly after the accident that he met his wife and mother of his three children, Margaret White Crow.

"We were coming home from Clinton getting groceries, my mom, dad and I and we were just north of Arapaho when a car was coming right at us head on. My dad kept trying to get over as far as we could, but the car hit us and spun us around where we came to a stop in the middle of the road … the other car just kept on going and didn't stop," Whitetail said. "My dad told my mom to start walking to try and get some help and he was under the hood and I was in the driver's seat trying to start the car every time my dad told me to … all of a sudden this truck tops that hill and smashes right into my dad and me. My dad was cut in half and died instantly … I was thrown about 85 feet from the vehicle and the next thing I remember is being in the hospital. I didn't even remember that my dad had died."

He said White Crow had visited him in the hospital while he was unconscious and when he came to she was there.

"When I got out of the hospital we started seeing each other more and more and we ended up together … she had three kids when I met her and we ended up having three kids, William Buddy Cantwell, Joelle Cantwell and Charles Cantwell … they all three were adopted out so they go by their adoptive parents' last name," Whitetail said.

He said they were together over eight years and was a good happy marriage until his partying broke up the marriage.

"I take the blame for the break up, you know my dad had gotten killed and I started drinking a lot … it got really bad," Whitetail said.

He said when his wife left she left all three of the kids.

"My mother took care of the kids and I moved to Elk City where I was working for Sequoyah Furniture Company, at that time it was one of the few Indian owned and operated companies and I was making $90 a week, which was really good back then. I was still drinking but I was maintaining, you know, working and sending money home to my mother and my kids," Whitetail said.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Nancy and Fred Whitetail today at their home in Thomas, Okla.

Word came one day Whitetail said that his mother was very ill and he needed to come home to take care of his kids.

"I left and moved back to Thomas, but work was hard to find and I was doing odd jobs trying to work wherever I could and one day this social worker showed up at my door to take my kids away from me. They were 1-1/2, 3 and 4 years old," Whitetail said. "It was ironic that social worker was Mrs. Frank Robinson, my fifth grade teacher that used to hate Indians and whip us … man my kids were screaming daddy daddy and they just grabbed them up and left with them. I cried like a baby and looked for them for years, but never could find them."

He said he later found out that Robinson had removed many Indian children from their homes in Thomas and had adopted all of them out to white families across the country.

"I pretty much had the go to hell attitude and went way down real fast … staying drunk all the time … bleeding out of every part of my body … I would get hospitalized and get well enough to leave just to go drink again," Whitetail said.

His drinking led him to the very bottom of his life he said.

"I lived on the river in an old ice machine for over three years," Whitetail said. "It wasn't living it was just existing to drink … every year I would be in jail at Christmas or any holiday, I got real tired of being sick and tired and I struggled constantly with trying to quit drinking. I really wanted to get sober, but had no idea how to not drink."

Whitetail said he finally ended up in a halfway house in Lawton, Okla.

"I was hungry for someone to care about me and I found it in Alcoholics Anonymous," Whitetail said.

He said he left the halfway house feeling like he could handle living out in the world again, but didn't want to move back to Thomas around all his old running mates, so he moved to El Reno, Okla.

"I started going to meetings in El Reno and I would stay sober awhile and then I would mess up and get drunk … it went like that for awhile. I remember one time I just gave up and thought I would never be anything but a drunk and I was in Watonga when these two guys from El Reno came looking for me, old Leroy Hill and Nick Ramirez," Whitetail said laughing. "I thought man who would come looking for me, these guys from A.A. must be the real thing … they actually cared about me to come look for me and that's when I woke up. I had my last drink and have been sober since July 9, 1984."

Whitetail said after some time in A.A. he moved back to Thomas but was worried about how to stay sober in his hometown.

"Carol Rice was my life saver during those times right after I moved back to Thomas … she was instrumental in keeping me sober because we would have a meeting just the two of us and she really helped me. There were a lot of rumors at that time about us, but she and I were just good friends and she will never know how much she helped me to stay sober during those early times," Whitetail said.

While working as a janitor at the Concho Clinic Whitetail met and fell in love with his current wife, Nancy.

"She was the secretary in the tribes' halfway house and we were just friends then because I was with Sharon Dyer and Nancy was dating someone else," Whitetail said. "It was years later when we got together and we have been together now over 18 years."

Whitetail is currently under Hospice care for heart problems but said he still works on small engines, weed eaters, televisions, sewing machines and repairs bicycles when he is able.

"I can still do a lot, we Cheyenne people are strong and you know a lot of people don't know this but all the grain elevators you see in Clinton, Custer City, Watonga, Thomas, El Reno, Geary and more were all built by Cheyennes. There was a group of them, Charlie Whitetail, my dad, David Penn, Dan Red Bird, Walker and Reuben Bert, Morgan Starr, Penny Cut Nose, Lefty Roman Nose, to name a few, were the ones who built those grain elevators," Whitetail said.

Whitetail's wife, Nancy said she has seen people come up to Fred in the stores and just hug him.

"They come up to him and hug him and thank him for helping them to get sober … or a mother or father will come up to him and thank him for helping their kids to get sober … he really has touched a lot of lives and has helped a lot of people," Nancy said.

Whitetail said he knows a lot of people think their lives are hopeless or they just give up, but, "I know if I can get sober and stay sober so can a lot of people I know and see … I am happier than I ever have been and have had a wonderful life because of getting sober. A life I never knew existed and so when I wake up each morning I know that today will be better than the day before."

Submitted by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College President, Dr. Henrietta Mann

CATC CORNER

Education can be defined in infinite ways, but essentially it is a means of either teaching or learning and developing analytical abilities or good judgment in preparation for life as a mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually balanced adult. Governor Boswell echoes the foregoing definition in her welcome to the Cheyenne and Arapaho website in which she quotes from the Tribes' Constitution. She states: "We, the People of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, in order to sustain and promote justice for all People, promote education, establish guidance and direction for our government, respect and protect our natural environment and resources, and advance the general welfare for ourselves and our posterity as one people." Based on this statement, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are clearly committed to education.

Dr. Henrietta Mann

Education also is important to Henrietta Mann, Ph.D., the President of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. In 1982 she transcribed a book on the Tribes' education history from an individual perspective, much of which is based upon oral accounts. She stated that "their individual and fragmented views of education since coming to the reservation needed to be unified into one comprehensive statement covering the 111 years that Cheyenne and Arapaho children have been educated in white ways."

Alden Whiteman

A demonstration of the Tribes' commitment to higher education took place on August 25, 2006. It was a momentous ceremony that celebrated the opening of the Cheyenne and Arapaho's own tribal college. It was a powerful occasion which depicted the vision and courage of numerous individuals who worked tirelessly over many years to build a relationship with university administrators for the express purpose of creating an accessible educational future for citizens of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. In remembering that day, it was exhilarating, promising, passionate and remarkable. Hearts and thoughts were united in one accord as the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College doors were opened. The enrollment consisted of one student, who set the bar and bravely reached for the future. She has since graduated from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College along with 34 other students.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College staff consists of four full-time employees. They juggle many roles and responsibilities, such as recruiting, enrolling students, developing budgets and programs, engaging in outreach, and teaching.

Internationally known and a seasoned educator, Dr. Henrietta Mann, is at the helm of the tribal college, bringing her expertise in education and management to her position. Her leadership style affords students and staff a democratic, supportive, and innovative problem-solving environment. In 1991 Rolling Stone Magazine recognized Dr. Mann as one of the top ten professors in the nation. She personally realizes the struggles of obtaining a degree while raising children and maintaining a home life. She received her doctorate as a widowed mother of three. Her compassion to achieve is evident to all students.

Mr. Alden Whiteman, Vice President for Development and Planning, brings to his job approximately 15 years of government service, primarily in the health field. In addition, he has two years of experience in tribal and gaming compliance. He constantly applies for grants and funding opportunities through any available source in the hope of securing support for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. However, the potential funding sources require accreditation for grant eligibility. Although, the staff is working to secure accreditation, stable funding and a separate building are requisites. Mr. Whiteman also assists the tribal college with recruiting new students.

Gail Wilcox

Ms. Gail Wilcox, Administrative and Administrative Officer, assists potential and current students with the enrollment and financial aid process. Along with student duties, Ms. Wilcox assists Dr. Mann with administrative projects to promote the tribal college. She developed the student database to record student, faculty and course history, which is a necessity for accreditation. The enrollment process for a first-time student can be rather daunting and confusing, and Ms. Wilcox interjects expertise to alleviate the process.

Ms. Oveta Lira, Administrative Assistant I, provides support for the entire office, as well as students and guests. Besides being a full-time employee of CATC, Ms. Lira is a full-time SWOSU/CATC student. She also is a single parent. She was awarded an Associate in Science American Indian Studies Degree during the commencement celebration held September 2010. Ms. Lira's goal is to obtain a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or Political Science and possibly attend law school.

Oveta Lira

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College staff would like to extend a personal invitation to anyone wishing to visit their administrative offices located on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford in Suite 104 of the Old Science Building. Please come by to say hello or to gain information about available courses or degree plans – Tribal Administration, Children's Teachers (Early Childhood), American Indian Studies, General Studies. Tribal College staff value the opportunity to serve individuals, who in the act of enrolling, are taking steps to make a positive difference in their future.

Wind energy

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Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Economic Development Director, Chester Whiteman inspects turbine blades before unloading.

and education grants the project has the goal of training three full crews consisting of 12 professionals on everything from installation to maintenance.

"This project will bring both jobs and training to Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members," Chester Whiteman, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' economic development director, said. "This will further stimulate the tribal economy all the while decreasing costs of fossil fuel costs ... feel the wind, feel the money."

Future plans include applying for a federal grant to establish a wind turbine manufacturing plant on the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' land.

"My hopes are to build a turbine manufacturing plant on tribal land," Brantley said.

By the end of the year the tribe is expected to have installed 22 turbines.

"In the future the tribes would like to build more turbines near Clinton to power the casino, hospital and other facilities," Whiteman said.

Brantley said West wind Energy's expansion into Oklahoma and developing these professionals will be key in both organizations' future success and expansion into Oklahoma's untapped wind market.

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A Fathers patience

Submitted and written by Mathison Hamilton

This past week I had the pleasure of going to California with my son and a couple of friends Alex Warden and his wife Ida, also Teri a special friend and a corner stone in my life. The trip went good and we all had a good time. At Bakersfield we stopped by to visit Teri's son Arturo Lomelli. While we were there we decided to go shopping at a local store. Three of his little ones, twins Carlos and Faith three years old and April wanted to go along so he started putting three car seats in his van, having a little trouble with the two back ones, he was calm and manage to secure them. He put the kids in the car seats. Teri and I just watched and I told Teri "you have a good son who is a good father, with a lot of patience and love for his kids."

When we were getting ready to get in the car Teri said to her son, "where do you get the patience for doing this for your kids, I know it is not from me, I don't think I had this much patience with you when you were growing up."

Arturo answered his mother's question with this story. He said "mom a good friend of mine who was a truck driver was getting ready to go back on the road when his little ones said dad why do you have to leave again, he tried to explain to the kids that he was driving so he could buy them more toys, he was trying to tell them so they would understand, but to them they just wanted their dad with them. The kids said daddy you don't have to buy us any more toys and you can take back the ones we have and just stay home with us."

Autura said that is when his friend quit driving and got a different job. He said, "so mom that's where I get my patience with my kids."

I think this little story needs to be shared. This is why I'm writing this.

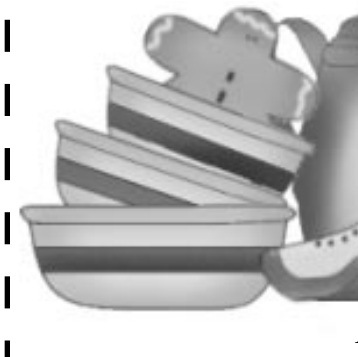
Later, Teri said she almost cried and I admit I got a little misty eyed and my emotions ran a little high.

I understand Teri's son better and have a lot of respect for him for being a good man and also a good family man. With all the violence and hatred in this world, it is good to be around a person with Arturo's reverence. In my mind it is refreshing and it gives me hope for our future. I loved our trip to California and being able to spend time with my son, Edmond.

I am dedicating this to all the young people who are mature enough to take on the responsibility of being good parents for all the young people of our future.

Children's voices, who will listen

Submitted by the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes Foster Care Program



Who will listen to the voices of the children? Our children are speaking to us through their abuse and neglect. Through their anger and through their love. In many ways our children are speaking volumes, if we will listen.

Scripture tells us not to ignore the need of the voice of our children. Do not dismiss our children as not important.

Will you listen to the voices of our children? Will you step up to help a child who is hurting and waiting on you to love them? A child is waiting for someone to care for them, to love them, to give them a home.

Who will listen? Will you listen? The children are crying and saying who will care for me? Who will listen to my cry, my pain and pick me up when I am hurt?

The Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes' foster care program needs men and women who will stand up for the voice of the children and say we care.

Yes, the process is long and a lot is required of the applicant to become a foster home for the tribe. Is it worth it if we help one child? Yes it is worth it.

Who will listen to the voices of our children? Will you?

Call or come by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Indian Child Welfare office for an information packet on becoming a foster parent or call (405) 422-7495.

TULSA INDIAN CLUB, Williams &
Muscogee Creek Nation Present:
DAY-OHN-DAY
5K Run & Walk * 8:00am
Saturday May 28, 2011
Mohawk Park – Shelter #3
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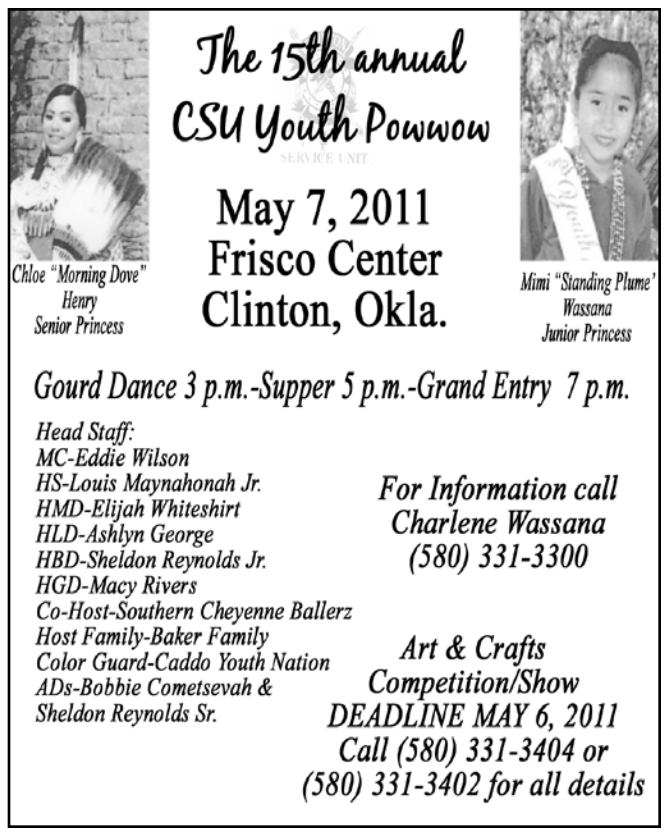


Fried Chicken

Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

Try this recipe for moist, perfectly seasoned fried chicken!

2 (2 - 3 lb) whole chicken cut into frying pieces
3 cups all-purpose flour
5 tablespoons seasoned salt
3 tablespoons garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste
4 eggs, beaten
1 quart vegetable oil for frying

Directions:

In a shallow plate or bowl, mix the flour, seasoned salt, garlic powder, salt and pepper.

Roll or shake the chicken pieces in the flour mixture and place on a platter. Then dip each chicken piece in the beaten eggs and roll again in the flour mixture.

In a large skillet, heat oil for frying. Fry coated chicken pieces in hot oil for about 5 minutes on each side. Cover skillet and cook on lower heat for about 10 minutes. Remove cover, turn up heat and fry 5 more minutes on each side to make chicken crispy. Chicken is done when no longer pink inside and its juices run clear. Drain fried chicken on paper towels and keep warm until ready to serve.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Oklahoma Indian Nation's 2011 Princess Coronation Dance

May 28, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m., dance to follow. Honored guests are the 2010 Outgoing Royalty Johnnie BigMedicine, Alexis Ortiz-Youngbear and Miklyn Lumpmouth. For more information call (405) 422-3477.

Tulsa Indian Club and Muscogee Creek Nation's 5K Run and Walk

Starting at 8 a.m. May 28, 2011 at Shelter 3, Mohawk Park in Tulsa, Okla. Pre-registration is May 23-27, 2011. Mail registration to 7715 E 25th Pl, Tulsa, OK 74129. Registration fee is $20 w/ shirt, $18 w/out shirt. Cost on race day $25. Registration starts at 6:30 a.m. race day. For more information call Rob Anquoe (918) 671-2417.

The 24th annual Sovereignty Symposium

June 1-2, 2011 at the Skirvin-Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.thesovereigntysymposium.com.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Diabetes Prevention Youth Camp

June 2-4, 2011 in conjunction with the Clinton Indian Health Services. First 50 participants accepted. Applications due by May 20, 2011. For information and an application packet call (405) 422-7723.

The 25th annual Silver Anniversary Red Earth Festival

June 2-5, 2011 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For a schedule of events, dance competition and artists information visit www.redearth.org.

The annual Miami Nation powwow

June 3-4, 2011 at the Miami Nation Complex in Miami, Okla. For more information call Steve Lankford at (918) 961-1498.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Youth Incentive Trip

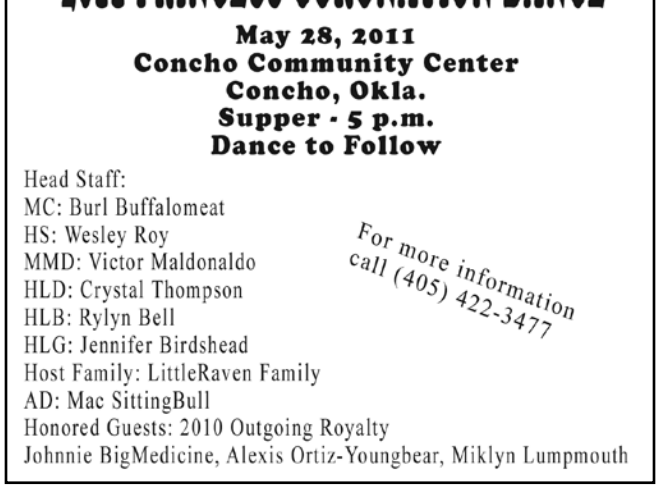
June 7, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Inviting all tribal youth to attend a ball game at Bricktown Ball Park and an early dinner at the Golden Corral. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 32601.

The ninth annual Tinker Inter-Tribal Council powwow

Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Joe B. Barnes Park, 8700 E. Reno Ave., Oklahoma City. Gourd dance begins at 1 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m. For more information including vendor set up call Marsha Nibs Lena at (405) 733-3587 or email tribalcouncil@sbcglobal.net.

The seventh annual Ft. Marion and Sandcreek Descendant powwow

July 2-4, 2011 at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m. Parade at 7 p.m. For more information call James Blackbear Jr. at (405) 884-2740 or Carolyn or Marvin Black Jr. at (405) 422-1158.



BRIEFS

The 11th annual Wind River Business Conference and Native American Business Expo

May 4, 2011 at the Central Wyoming College Intertribal Education and Community Center in Riverton, WY. For information visit www.black-tie-america.com.

Tribal Nation Energy Summit with American Indian/Alaskan Native Governments

May 5, 2011 in Washington, D.C. For more information call (202) 586-5000 or email tribalconsultation@hq.doe.gov.

The 12th annual Native American Finance Conference

May 16-17, 2011 at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.imn.org.

Introduction to Indian Housing Management

May 17-18, 2011 at the South Point Hotel and Conference Center in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 16th annual Mid-Year Tribal Enrollment Conference

May 17-19, 2011 at The Roosevelt Hotel and Conference Center in Seattle, Wash. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

Supervision and Management Skills: Leadership in the Tribal Workplace

May 19-20, 2011 at the South Point Hotel and Conference Center in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 18th annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium

May 20-22, 2011 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M. For information contact Melissa Axelrod at axelrod@unm.edu. or visit www2.nau.edu.

The second annual Native American Health Care Conference/Native American Diabetes Workshop

May 23-24, 2011 at the Treasure Island Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationsevents.org.

Indian Country's Employment Law Summit

May 24-26, 2011 at the South Point Hotel and Conference Center in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Robert's Rules and the Role of the Recording Secretary

June 7-8, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. Earn Parliamentarian certification. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

The National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference

June 13-16, 2011 at the Frontier Airlines Convention Center in Milwaukee, WI. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

Happy Birthday

We'd like to wish Jameson Redwolf "Jam-Jam" "Jr" Blackbear a very Happy 4th birthday from the entire Blackbear family and especially your grandpa Eugene Blackbear Jr. We love you grandson and hope you will be as handsome and good looking as your grandpa! Love grandpa.

Happy Birthday
Charles
May 28
Remember your birthday is only one day and it ends at midnight!
But have a good one.
Love you lots, Emily Gray and CJ Gray.

Happy 4th Birthday
Anessa"Nessie-Cow" Woods-Blackbear
We wish you a very Happy Birthday
From all of your family and especially your gramma Aurelia and gramma Agnes.
We all love you so much from your aunties, uncles, sisters, brothers, grandmas, grandpas and of course your momma!
Don't you ever change Nessie. You are the most awesomest daughter, niece, sister, friend anyone could ever ask for and more.
We are very thankful for your life and your little Nessie-Cow ways.
Love from everyone!

Happy 6th Birthday
Miss Hayden Campbell
April 21
We are so blessed to have you in our lives as a daughter and sister.

May you have many more birthdays!!

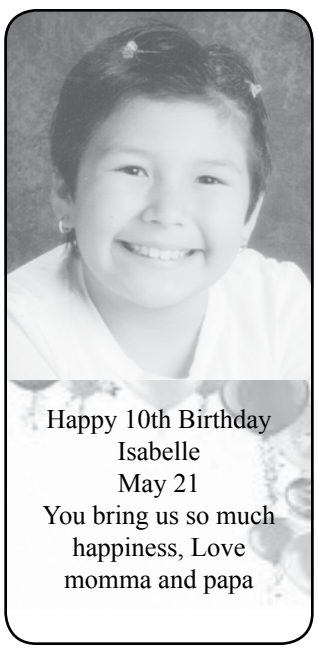
Cha Cha!
We love your guts baby.
momma, dad, Christian Harding and Dee Dee plus five.

Happy 6th Birthday
Baylee Corean Fasthorse
"Big Sioux Woman"
May 27
We love you so much Baylee, you just put a smile on everyone's face when you're around.
Happy Birthday from the whole family
Love, mom and dad
Blaine, Brandy, Torence.

Happy 13th Birthday
Casey

May 8
Love your family.

Happy Birthday
Amy Riggles
May 20, ????
A Loyal Friend
You are a ray of sunshine
In a world that is sometimes grey the magic of your company will brighten up the day.You've guided me through bad times, wiped away my tears and brought me so much joy.
As we've travelled through the years it warms my heart to know you chose me as your friend. A loyal, loving person on whom I can depend.
If I could have one wish, I'd make it just for you I'd ask God for his blessing in everything you do.
Happy Birthday
Your friend Margaret
and the rest of the girls.



Happy 10th Birthday
Isabelle
May 21
You bring us so much happiness, Love momma and papa

Happy Birthday!!!!
Ruth BearShield
We hope your birthday brings you much happiness and good spirit.

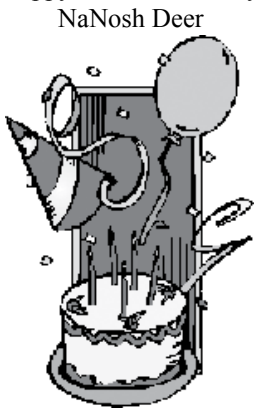
We love you and enjoy this time in your life.

Happy 3rd Birthday Stoney White Thunder
April 28
You are my "big boy" now and you will always be in my heart
I love you!
Mommy Heather.

Look who is turning 16
Trista "Cay" Sioux
Happy Birthday
We love you and miss with with all our hearts.

Hope you have a great day!
From all the Sioux's.

Happy Belated Birthday
NaNosh Deer



Love you lots grandma Chick, auntie JoJo,Lil BJ.

Happy 17th Birthday
Kaley Cross May 5th

Happy 6th Birthday
Kyler Cross May 8th.

We love you both mom, dad and all your family.

In Loving Memory

May 19/2000 Feb 15/2003

Jesse James Deere Jr.

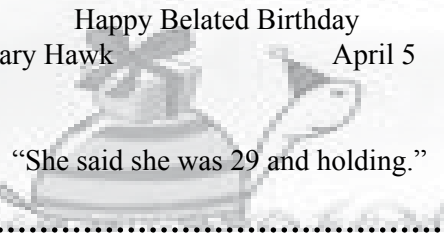
To my son from dad,I love you and miss you. Gone but never forgotten.

Syra Littlehawk makes Kingfisher Student of the Month.
She is the daughter of Kino and Theresa Littlehawk and grand-daughter of Donald and Agnes Littlehawk.

Way to go! We are very proud

Happy Belated Birthday

Happy Belated Birthday
Mary Hawk April 5



"She said she was 29 and holding."

Happy 10th Birthday
Isabelle
May 21
You bring us so much happiness.
Love momma and papa.

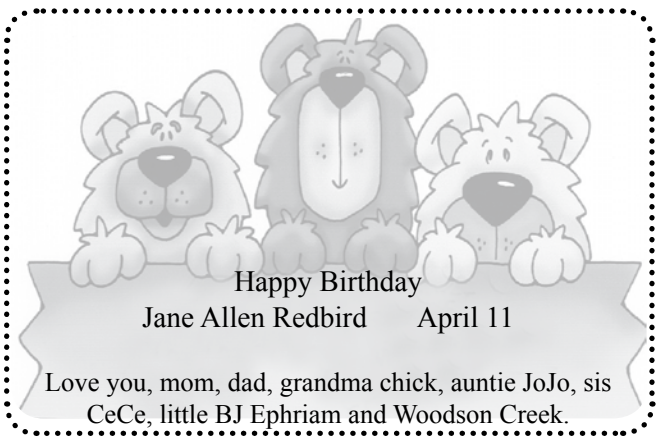
Happy Birthday
Allen Reed Bird Sr.
May 28

Love, the Romannose families.

Happy Birthday
Kerminator
May 28

Love, the Romannose family.

Happy Birthday
Mikey!
May 13
Hope you have a blessed day and many more.
Love your two little sister's Emily Gray and CJ Gray.



Happy Birthday
Jane Allen Redbird April 11

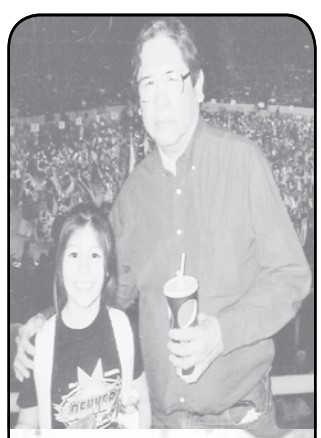
Love you, mom, dad, grandma chick, auntie JoJo, sis CeCe, little BJ Ephriam and Woodson Creek.

I have waited a lifetime to feel this way and Nakosi I want you to know I surrender only to you.

Remembrance

Vivian Lenna Redbird
June 6, 1928 - March 28, 1997
William Allen Redbird
June 29, 1976 – April 20, 1997

I think I shall never see a lovelier sight, Redbird, than thee. Your crimson beauty mid the snow just fills my heart to overflow; you glitter like a jewel most fair. As sunlight strikes you perching there upon the bough silver tree, your pictured framed in filigree by Jack Frost's magical design. A living painting that is mine.
For one brief moment then your gone but your beauty lingers on and on.
By: granddaughter and sister
Marion Redbird
You are always in my heart and memories.
I always remember you both. Miss and love you both.
Memories never die. I can't let you go, I shed my tears for the both of you.



Happy 9th Birthday
To our princess Anastasia Blaze Emloolah aka Pretty Baby, on April 29.

We love you, grandpa Mike and grandma Georgia Emloolah.

Happy 4th Birthday
"Little One"
Torrence Malaina Fasthorse
May 31
Gaw monster you are getting big, and starting to be a big girl now.
We wish you a Happy Birthday
Love mom and dad, bubba Blaine, sissy Brandy, sister Baylee, pappa and gramma Naina, Cody, Eli, Buggie, De and Jeannie, Annie, Macey, Lillo, baby Mayella and unkie Mitchell

New edition to my family tree, my daughter, Joanna Rose Costilla -Lame Deer, Montana, had a baby boy on April 6, 2011. My daughter, Jessica Renee Costilla-Fort Worth, Texas is having a boy in August 2011.
So far I have 8 grandsons and 1 more on the way.
I am proud of my family tree, my mother is Elaine Miles Bird of Clinton, Okla. and she had seven children, 37 grandchildren and 53 great-grand children.
I am very proud of my big family and we are still growing.
Ha-ho!
Ruth Ann Standingwater Costilla

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag @c-a-tribes.org

Transit Drivers II
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Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess or be willing to attend training programs to gain CPR and CDL certifications. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must maintain a clean driving record and may be required to provide a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR). Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively both orally and written. Must possess high school diploma, possible completion of a commercial driving training program and defensive driving program. Experience may be an acceptable equivalent.

SALARY: Negotiable

CHR-Temporary
Seiling, Okla. Area
Closing Date: Until filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Cheyenne or Arapaho tribal member preferred. Have EMT, medical assistant, CMA, or CNA experience. Have current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license and be insurable under the tribe's insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition. Must pass basic CHR training and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Submit program PCC and mileage/maintenance on a weekly basis. Maintain GSA vehicle responsibility. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have minimum of high school diploma or G.E.D. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside of normal working hours as needed. Other duties as assigned.

SALARY: Negotiable

Caseworker IIM
Social Services
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Prefer bachelors degree in social work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field and supervisory experience. Work flexible hours and willing to work after normal business hours. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

House Parent
Emerg. Youth Shelter
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or G.E.D. required with preference given to post secondary training in the following related fields, child development, nutrition, culinary arts and psychology. One year experience working in situations related to children. Must be able and willing to work alternating shifts on weekends, nights and holidays. Must retain a valid Oklahoma driver's license and have a clean driving record. Must pass criminal record check. Must have a telephone or cell phone at place of residence. Three current letters of references required. Current TB skin test or chest x-ray and pass complete physical examination.

SALARY: Negotiable

Laborer
Economic Development
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

Ability to accept immediate employment. Ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. Ability and knowledge to operate light weight equipment. Must be physically fit to withstand various types of manual labor. Prefer knowledge of landscaping- planting flowers and shrubs. Must have stable work history, be dependable and be conscientious. Must have knowledge in performing general repair duties. Must have painting experience. Must submit to a background check. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must have current driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Assistant Director
R.E.Sp.E.C.T.
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a high school diploma/GED; AA degree preferred or four years of work experience in related field or its equivalent; must be willing to further education (associates or bachelors degree); must receive and maintain CPR/First Aid Certifications; knowledgeable about the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, communities, traditions, culture and customs; possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's license; TERO applies (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Preference); and must pass a background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Project Coordinator
Alcohol/Drug Abuses Prevent.
Closing Date: May 10, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree preferred. Minimum three years experience in related field. Valid driver's license required. Must pass prehire drug and alcohol screen and be subject to random drug testing. Must have excellent communication and writing skills. Must be knowledgeable in Cheyenne and Arapaho cultures, land, history, and traditions. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Fence Crew/Laborer
Economic Development
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

Dependable, physically fit and able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. or more. Knowledgeable in operating farm equipment. Willing to work until daily tasks are completed. Must be able to work on an on-call basis. High school diploma or GED required and valid Oklahoma driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Hinóno'eitíít Arapaho Language
"Word of the Day"
Brown - Nisih'oo'
Pronounced: Knee-sih-aw

Cheyenne Language
"Word of the Day"
Tuesday: No'ka éšeëva
Pronounced: i no'gii no'i
Literal Translation: It is the 1st Day

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

Need any information on the family history of the Bates family for a genealogy.

Please call (970) 884-5094 if you have any information that would help.

Thank you
Wanda Ramirez

The Ballad of Indian Joe
By David Kaw, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member

Indian Joe where did you go?
Did you follow the road that turned black?
Oh Joe don't you know, it gets harder and
harder to look back.
Indian Joe woke up in an alley.
With an aching, throbbing head.
Lost track of his drink tally
One more and you surely will be dead.
Indian Joe staggers by a white man's church.
Calls upon his God for help but forgot his name.
Salvation is near Joe, keep up the search.
In time of need, God is God just the same.
Indian Joe wonders when will it all end?
Where are his family and friends he once knew?
When will his infatuation for the white man's ways bend?
Don't know Joe but you gotta go
or your life is surely through.

In Memorium

In Memory of Roberta Dawn Whitlow
June 18, 1963 – April 24, 2011

A wake service was held April 28, 2011 at the Geary Community Hall in Geary, Okla.

The funeral services were held April 29, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Geary, Okla.

The interment was held at the Sleeper family cemetery also in Geary.

In Loving Memory of Gladys Linda Whitlow
July 2, 1929 – April 16, 2011

Wake Services were held on April 19, 2011 at the Native American Community Center in Canton, Okla.

Funeral Services were held April 20, 2011 at the Christian Church in Canton and interment was held at the Cantonment Cemetery.

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

FELICIA MARIE BULLCOMING, Plaintiff
vs.
JOEL GUERRERO, Defendant
Case No: JFD-2011-0007

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: JOEL GUERRERO

You are hereby notified that Felicia Marie Bullcoming has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 7TH day of JUNE, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said custody should not be granted.

Dated this 19Th day of April, 2011.

Maria C. Reyes
Maria C. Reyes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Plaintiff:
Felicia Marie Bullcoming
213 N. O Ave
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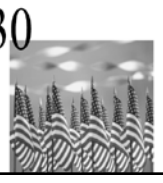
29	30 	31 Closed For Inventory				

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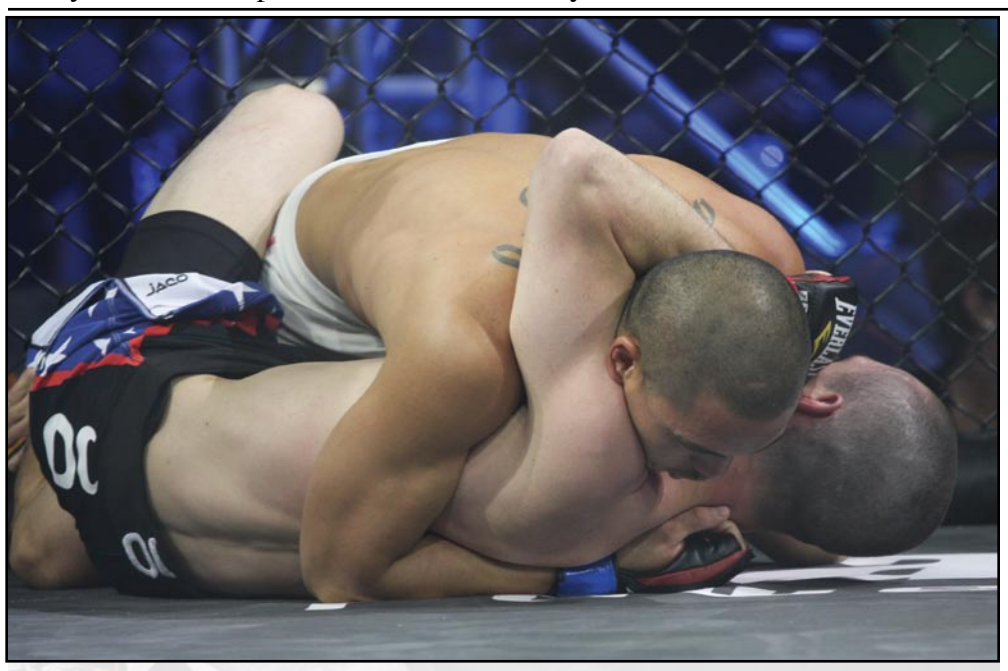

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Bellator 42 light heavyweight world championship semi-finals

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

On April 23, 2011 Bellator 42 light heavyweight world championship semi-finals were held at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho Okla.

Eight bouts were battled with four of them being aired live on MTV2.

Bout one was local fighters, heavyweight Tracy Willis, Tulsa, Okla. verses Mark Holata, Edmond, Okla. The winner was Holata after dropping Willis to the ground in 49 seconds in the first round.

Bout two was bantamweight fighters, Shane Howell, Oklahoma City verses Mark Oshiro, Honolulu, Hawaii. Howell conquered Oshiro after he forced Oshiro to tap out with a chokehold.

Bout three was middleweight fighters, Chris Bell, Center, Texas and Jared Hess, Oklahoma City. Bell drove Hess to the mat as Hess escaped the chokehold, Bell found himself in a snare and forced to tap out in the first round.

Bout four was bantamweight fighters, Jerod Spoon, Arlington, Texas verses Luiz Nogueira, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Winner by a unanimous decision was Nogueria.

Bout five lightweight semi-final fights were Christian M'Pumbu, Paris France verses Tim Carpenter Philadelphia, PA. M'Pumbu handed Carpenter his first technical knock out.

Bout six featherweight fighters were Josh Arocho, Omaha, Neb. verses Ronnie Mann London, UK. Winner by unanimous decision was Mann.

Light heavyweight semi-final fighters D.J. Linderman, Yreka, Calif. verses Richard Hale, Tempe, Ariz. battled in bout seven. Hale moved on to face M'Pumbu in the Bellator's light heavyweight tournament final.

The final bout was featherweight fighters Owen Evinger, Grain Valley, Kansas verses Brandon Shelton, El Reno, Okla. Shelton was the winner after a chokehold forcing Evinger to tap out.

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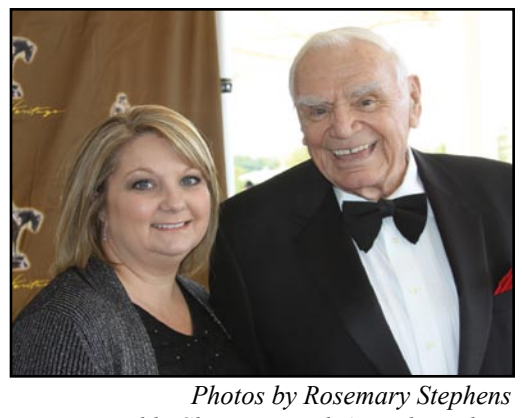
Museum awards mark 50th anniversary

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

A star packed crowd gather at the Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City for the 50th annual Western Heritage awards.

On April 15-16, 2011 the red carpet was laid out for Oklahoma's Gov. Mary Fallon, Ernest Borgnine, Ed Harris, Rex Linn, Stuart Whitman and many others to celebrate the many accomplishments of film, literary authors and musicians.

"For the awards' 50th anniversary we thought it fitting that we do a new design of our Wrangler and we thought no one was more fitting to do it than Harold Holden," Chuck Schroeder, Western Heritage Museum president said. "He has given us an absolutely spectacular piece that truly will be a treasured work of art for the recipients and their families for generations to come."



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Lisa Liebl, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' public relations consultant with legendary Ernest Borgnine was the media relations/media producer for the 50th anniversary awards.

The award for outstanding photography book, "Life at the Kiowa, Comanche and Wichita Agency" was presented to authors Kristina L. Southwell and John R. Lovett.

Stuart Whitman was presented with the Great Western Performers award.

The Hall of Great Western performers was presented to Stuart Whitman and theatrical motion picture award was presented for *True Grit* with actors Jeff Bridges, Josh Brolin, Matt Damon and Hailee Steinfield.

"The museum is really great and there is such a lot to see. I'd love to camp out here for a few days ... getting this honor is so special to me. What an institution this is in Oklahoma City and I'm so proud to be involved in it," Whitman said.

Established in 1961, the western heritage awards salute works in literature, music, television and film that best portray the history and culture of the American west.

Past recipients have included Kevin Costner for his portrayal in *Dances With Wolves*.

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